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In re application of

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SURGICAL ENDOSCOPIC CUTTING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE

Per Amenio

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute, in the specification, pages 1 and 2 as originally filed, with pages 1, 2 and 2a as filed in the Article 34 amendment of May 4, 1999. The pages are attached hereto and marked "AMENDED SHEET".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace all the claims now in the case with the following new claims:

-12. Surgical endoscopic cutting device, comprising an elongated rigid housing having fitted therein a viewing channel extending over the length thereof, and provided with a receiving part extending over the length thereof for receiving cutting means comprising an elongated stem, near one end provided with cutting elements, in the use position extending past the free end of said rigid housing, and near